

Community Support Waiver

Public Meeting to Discuss Amendments

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs are holding a public meeting to review upcoming proposed amendments to the Community Support Waiver. The meeting will take place at DDSN located at 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, SC 29203 on July 8, 2010 in Room 251 and begin at 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. DHHS will request an effective date of October 1, 2010 (UPDATE: January 1) or as soon thereafter from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The proposed amendments are:

1. To clarify the individual cost limit in the waiver document. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
2. To update the Quality Management sections of the waiver document to more accurately reflect the data sources used by the State. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
3. To clarify that Level of Care determinations and service plans for waiver participants must be completed every 365 days. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
4. To eliminate daily respite and convert all respite to an hourly unit. There may be a few participants that will be affected by this change. However, the waiver individual cost limit remains the same.
5. To reduce the amount by which the individual cost limit may be exceeded in the event of a short-term, unanticipated change in the participant's needs from \$3000 to \$1000 per year. To date, no waiver participant has exceeded the individual cost limit.

NEW: 6. Re-adjust service rates to accommodate administrative costs that will be billed separately from service costs.